

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 05407 121734 Z

42

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 IO-12 ADP-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 PM-09 INR-10 L-03

NEA-10 NSAE-00 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 GAC-01 USIA-12

TRSE-00 MBFR-03 SAJ-01 DODE-00 H-02 NSC-10 SS-15

ACDA-19 RSR-01 /139 W

----- 053370

P R 121722 Z APR 73

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4459

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

USMISSION BERLIN

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 05407

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, GE, GW, UR, UN

SUBJECT: BKC/ L ON EXTENSION OF UN CHARTER TO WEST BERLIN

REF: BONN 5304

1. FONOFF REP (BRAEUTIGAM) CALLED EMBASSY ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 12 TO REPORT THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH STATE SECRETARY FRANK THE QUESTION OF CONSULTING WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE TEXT OF THE BKC/ L ON EXTENSION OF THE UN CHARTER TO WEST BERLIN. BRAEUTIGAM SAID FRANK BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD SHOW THE TEXT OF THE BKC/ L TO THE SOVIETS IN BERLIN SOON AFTER IT HAD BEEN ISSUED. FRANK' S REASONING WAS THAT IT WOULD CAUSE LESS DIFFICULTIES IF THE SUBJECT WERE RAISED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE SOVIETS THAN IF THE THREE POWERS SURPRISE THEM WITH IT AT THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE ACTION ON UN ENTRY. BRAEUTIGAM ASKED THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE REPORTED TO ALLIED AUTHORITIES AS THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE FONOFF.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 05407 121734 Z

2. IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER, BRAEUTIGAM ADMITTED THAT A FURTHER FACTOR AFFECTING THE FRG POSITION WAS THE WORRY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE BKC/ L MIGHT LEAK TO THE PUBLIC IN BERLIN SHORTLY BEFORE THE BREZHNEV VISIT. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND MIGHT INSERT UNNECESSARY FRIC-TION INTO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND GERMAN SIDES. FURTHERMORE, IF THE SOVIETS DECIDED THEY WISHED TO REACT TO ISSUANCE OF THE BKC/ L, INFORMING THEM EARLIER WOULD GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO BEFORE THE VISIT. HE SAID THE FONOFF HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS SHOULD BE HANDLED AS MATTER OF FACTLY AS POSSIBLE BY THE ALLIES AND THAT FEWER PROBLEMS WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IF THE SOVIETS WERE SIMPLY INFORMED ABOUT THE BKC/ L IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY IN BERLIN.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO DOUBT WHETHER OUR INFORMING THE SOVIETS EARLY WOULD BRING FEWER DIFFICUL-TIES THAN WAITING UNTIL DISCUSSIONS BEGIN IN NEW YORK. IF THE SOVIETS WANT TO RAISE PROBLEMS CONCERNING REPRE-SENTATION OF WEST BERLIN, THEY WILL DO SO IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW WE HANDLE THE MATTER. IT SEEMS MORE IN OUR INTER-EST, THEREFORE, TO HAVE THE UN ENTRY PROCESS AS FAR ALONG AS POSSIBLE BEFORE INFORMING THE SOVIETS OF THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING.

4. DEPARTMENT AND USBER' S COMMENTS REQUESTED.
HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts:
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 APR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BONN05407
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730439/aaaaiehk.tel
Line Count: 97
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 BONN 5304
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Aug-2001 by willialc>; APPROVED <06-Sep-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 971222
Subject: BKC/ L ON EXTENSION OF UN CHARTER TO WEST BERLIN
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, GE, GW, UN, UR, WB
To: BERLIN
EUR
LONDON
MOSCOW
NATO BRUSSELS
PARIS
SECSTATE WASHDC

USUN NEW YORK

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005